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REFORM

Tutow Airfield

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 23 December 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 1 October 1953, the Bauunion Brandenburg took over the construction project at Tutow airfield from the Bauunion Wismar. After 1 October, construction work was under way on a concrete runway, 2,200 meters long, 60 meters wide and 20 cm thick, which extended approximately in a north-west - southeast direction. The eastern third of the runway allegedly was to be completed by late November, while the middle section temporarily was not to be concreted for technical reasons. In the course of the runway a building had formerly been located which was demolished and its basement was filled with earth. On this site, the soil was to settle before concreting work could be started. The work was expected to be completed by the summer of 1954.

2. [redacted] 666 employees and laborers of the Brandenburg Bauunion were employed at the field on 26 October.

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3. In mid-November, about 600 workers of the Brandenburg Bauunion were employed. At the end of October and the beginning of November, most of the laborers worked on the runway which was scheduled to be 2,200 meters long, 60 meters wide and 20 cm thick. The runway slightly inclined to the sides and drainage pipes were scheduled to be laid on both sides. Two concrete mixing machines were used. Excavation work on the taxiway was started in mid-November.

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4. [redacted] in the first half of 1953, 65 to 70 carloads mostly with cement, chippings and gravel for concrete daily arrived at the field. [redacted] dredgers for excavation work were used.

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5. Work on the runway was discontinued between 18 and 26 November allegedly because two concrete brigades were transferred to another site, probably Greifswald. The other workers at the field mostly did excavation work on the taxiway and the connecting lanes.

Comment. The report does not contain any new information. Work on the runway was delayed because workers were detached to Greifswald. A construction project at Greifswald is not known.

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